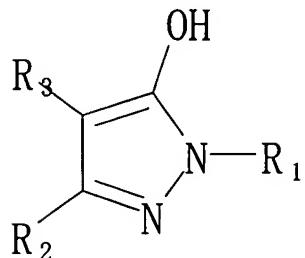


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-8. (Cancelled)

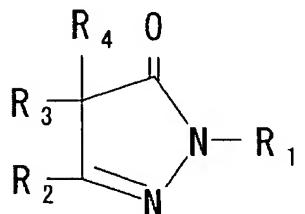
9. (Currently Amended) An inhibitor of protein modification products formation comprising a compound of formula (II)



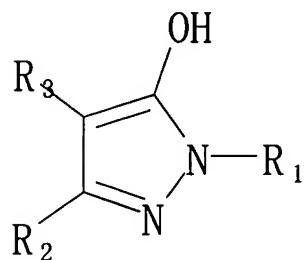
wherein R1 is phenyl group, R2 is methyl group, and R3 is 6-methyl-1,3-dihydrofuro-[3,4-c]-pyridin-7-ol group, in free or salt form.

10-23. (Cancelled)

24. (Previously Presented) A compound of formula (I)



or formula (II)



wherein R4 is a hydrogen atom or monovalent organic group and wherein R1 is phenyl group, R2 is methyl group, and R3 is 6-methyl-1,3-dihydrofuro-[3,4-c]-pyridin-7-ol group, in free or salt form.

25-26. (Cancelled)